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### THE FLU

One of the old fabulists tells of a man who was trudging along the highway leading into a great city when he met a pestilence coming out. After the usual greetings, the man remarked: "You certainly have done your work well; you have · killed most of the inhabitants of the city which you have just

"You are wrong, friend," said the pestilence, "I did kill some people, but most of them killed themselves by vielding to

Many scourges have done the same thing. The present epidemic of influenza is an exception. There has been no panic, although the disease carries off its victims as fast as any of its predecessors, some of them not lasting 24 hours after being attacked. But people do not fear it as they did yellow fever or the cholera. No effort was made to run away from it. One potent reason for this was because there was no place to go. No matter in what direction one turned to go the flu was there ahead of him, and his chances of escape were about as good in one place as in another. In the Delta below us this scourge is carrying off a great many people, and among the number are large number of colored people, who usually enjoy immunity from other visitations. But little noise is made, and we hear no outcry made, which is good, because when people are alarmed and frightened they fancy they are attacked, and they die from symptoms without actually ever having the disease. People who compose themselves and who do not give way to alarm may be taken sick, but their chances of escape are much enhanced. So long as they keep up courage they seldom fall victims, and this courage wards off the disease, even from those who have exposed themselves to the contagion. On the other hand fear invites the attack and lessens the power to resist its destructive force. Prudence in avoiding exposure, and courage to meet the evil if it comes, saves many lives and minimizes the work of the scourge. The doctors have given liberal and lucid instructions to the public, and if these are followed the disease can be stamped out in a short time. The flu has done much damage-more than is apparent-but the people have acted wisely, and while it is not past, its ravages are being controlled by the medical men, and we will soon be free of it.

### THE PROFITEERS

Obstacles of one sort and another are being thrown in the way of a successful peace conference, on both sides of the Atlantic, and it is surmised that the trouble is being made by the big profiteers, who are sorry that the fighting is over, and anxious to keep the world so disturbed and agitated that big armies and big navies will be provided by the various countries.

The profiteers have made many millions of dollars, but the opportunity to make other millions is alluring, and this opportunity can be had by Prussianizing the world.

To this end a propaganda has been carried on for some time, the object of which is to make the allied nations jealous and suspicious of each other, and fearful of each other's motives and intentions. A peaceable solution of all pending problems is not desired by the greedy profiteers, who thrive and fatten on distrust and disorder.

The sound common sense of the delegates to the great conference will likely be strong enough to overcome the insidious efforts of the mischief makers, and enable those who wish to bring about normal conditions in the world to successfully discover a way to bring about the desired results. The allied countries have fought together like brothers during the war, they can surely stand together during years of peace, which everyone hopes and expects to be many.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Small surprise was occasioned by the attempted suicide of the ex-kaiser. It had been prophesied and hoped for by many. It was almost inevitable, because no man could withstand the maletic currents of human thought that were flowing in upon him night and day. Thoughts are things, and when thoughts from millions of minds unite in one flood they produce an effect that is irresistible. Evil thoughts and evil wishes were sent kaiserward from every place on the surface of this planet, and it may be from other planets, if they are inhabited and the people knew what was going on here.

The good or ill wishes of an individual mean something. much or little; the good or ill wishes of millions of people constitute an immeasurable force that may not be resisted.

The kaiser has found this out. He has not seen or heard or felt these thoughts, but they reached him and influenced him just the same. Some will regret that he did not make his own quietus with a bare hodkin or with whatever instrument he used. Others will rejoice that he remains to suffer and make atenement for his crimes. To be liberated by death were too

It is gratifying to know that no German money was paid to Hearst. The Hearst nullions are many, but a small amount of corrupt money would be sufficient to corrupt all of them.

"Hearst Received No Money From Germany," says a headline. Mr. Hearst should file his claim, for he has something coming to him

We learn that "the economic situation in Germany is not auspicious," and we have also learned that it is exceedingly

According to Bielaski the secret service department knew pretty well what was going on during the war.

The boys are coming back, but it will take time for them to reach here.

Turkey at any price is delicious, but at 40 cents the pound it is scarce.

The Huns go marching home-followed by an army of Americans.

# Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?—By Briggs

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## DOROTHY DIX'S TALK

BY DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.

IS LOVE INSANITY?

It is often said that this in an uncomantic age. Conclusive proof of the truth of this statement is found in the fact that a young woman in the West has actually been arrested and truth of this statement is found in the fact that a young woman in the West has actually been arrested and true for lunacy, simply because she was in love.

This girl became enamored of a handsome young preacher, and instead of letting conceatment prey upon her than abdily went to the object of her manner of the maidens of the modern girl, and boldly went to the object of her installed the textice of the modern girl, and boldly went to the object of her installed that him, and when the young woman continued to refuse to take "no" for an answer and to pursue him with burning love missives and unwellows and to funded the textice of the whole of the woolworth building without killing himself.

What else except that she is no longer able to realize the nature and quality of her acis makes a girl indiscrect enough to write a man fool love letters? What else except that she is no longer able to realize the nature and quality of her acis makes a girl indiscrect enough to write a man fool love letters? What else except that she is no longer able to realize the nature and quality of her acis makes a girl indiscrect enough to write a man fool love letters? What else except that she is no longer able to realize the nature and quality of her acis makes a girl indiscrect enough to write a man fool love letters? What else except that she has taken in realized that while it might be inhighted for an intelligent girl who has taken a college education, to spend the proposite and ourselves.

The question thus raised as to whether love is a manifestation of madness or not is a manifestation of madne

mand it is one concerning which all of us have two opinions, both as regards other people and ourselves.

Undoubledly an individual in love does manifest wasy signs of disordered inselicet. They have hallucinations in which they see charms and grades that are measurable in some other ordinary and commonplace male or female. They burble strange and incoherent adesense, and commit acts of which they would be utterly incapable in lucid momenta.

These ghonomens of love are so common and they are so generally beld to indicate that the person in love is not mentally accountable that the lover is universally treated with the industent pity that we bestow upon a half-wit.

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Nor is this verdict that the lover is not mentally accountable that the lover is not entirely and the proposed of the salise that we ourselves have been non compos meatls for the time being. This realisation of our affliction is brought polgoantly home to us when, after the lapse of many years, we meet again some, early sweetheart over whose shoulders we shed bitter tears, but in whom, after we have been restored to sanity, we can see none of the charms that we once beheld.

Also many a husband and wife contemplating their yoke mates, and wondering how they happened to pick out the particular minifis that they did it they were so crazy they should have been locked up in a padded cell, instead of being permitted to commit the crime against their peace and happiness that they did it they peace and the peace an

fore her eyes, makes a woman behold the here of romance and an Apollo Bei-vedere, in a short man with a bay win-dowed figure and a baid head? Yet practically all girls in love exhibit

ever lived, that keeps the wife satisfied with her lot, happy in the harmless deliasion that she has married the king and is his queen.

Love a madness? Yes, undoubtedly, but pray God that those who have that instantly never recover their reason.

## Be a Goodfellow

Come on boys, be a good fellow,
You can't afford to stop
Until you've seen Old Santa
Go safely o'er the top.
O'er the tops of the enimners.
With his bag just filled with toys
To gladden hundreds of little hearts
Of Memphis girls and boys.

Oh the joy on Christmas morning.
With your own tots to your side.
As you watch their happy faces
As each brand new toy is tried
If you know you've been a Goodfellow,
And have helped to do your part
To bring a bit of Christmas cheor
To some poor child's little heart.
ALICE O STURM



AN INVITATION. Uncle Sam has invited Several of us influential Business men to take a trip At his expense, In a special train. To see the workings Of a modern cantonment, And then he will take us Over to France at his expense And as his special guests To show us how the big guns work. He will let us see Paris And all the wonders of the front. We will see airships In action and Will get some of the food The government is furnishing Its soldiers, and then They will bring us back home On a special boat And it won't cost us a cent The words R. S. V. P. Are on the invitation, And we are requested to let the government know Just as soon as possible By filling out those Questionnaires. Have you been invited? What's your number.

The old-fashioned man who used to say that the German line could not be broken in one hundred years has gone to join the old-fashioned party who believed tomatoes were poisonous.

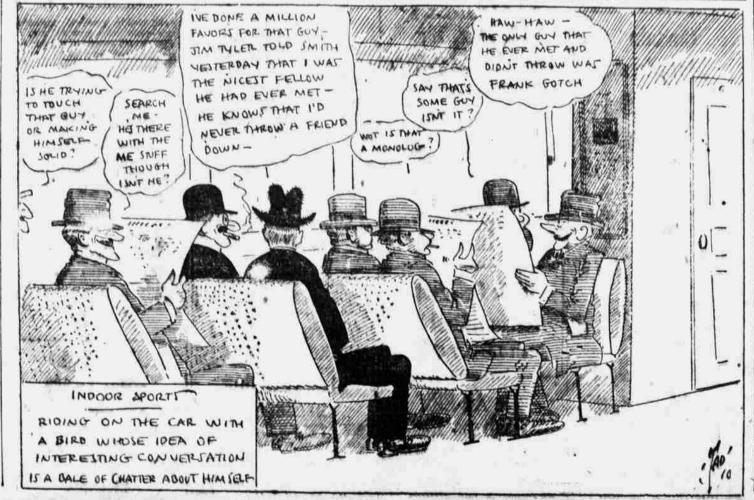
They are not canonizing the Kaiser in Germany any more. They feel more like machine-gunning him.

According to a scientific journal, moth-breeding is one of the latest hobbies. It has been our experience that moth-breeding is unnecessary. They just seem to breed themselves. After they consume the tails of the dress coat, you are obliged to wear it as a Tuxedo. One learned commentator says he hopes the new hopby of moth-breeding will have the effect of teaching the insect how to dream properly and that nothing is more vexatious than to see a moth going about in a fur coat many times too large for it.

Failing to obtain settlement of a large loan, a Kansas City money ender has eleped with the borrower's wife. This may or may not be considered a legitimate form of compromise, but the fact stands that nobody ever elopes more than once

In any event, it must be admitted that garlic is the very stronges preventive of Spanish influenza.

Bruce McRae is quoted in an interview as saying that we now have more manly type of stage lover. Again we must say the war has not been fought in vain.





"Do you see much of Mrs. — ? When, you do, kindly keep her circouraged and help her bear the burden of her lone-someness, as I fully realize just how much she misses me and how much I miss her. Hers was the greatest sacrifice, and I will never forget her in making it and would ask that our friends try and do what they can to lighten her heavy heart. My thoughts are constantly of her, above all else, and I long for that day of my return when I will be able to give her a loving embrace and tell her how deeply I have appreciated her sacrifice." "Do you see much of Mrs. -- ? When

IT'S FROM a letter. SENT FROM France. TO A friend at home. AND SENT to ma. WITH THE suggestion. THAT I might write. OF THE wives at home. AND ON the same day. A LETTER came. FROM A nurse in France. IN WHICH she said. 'I OFTEN think. "THAT AFTER all. "IT'S THE people at home. "WHO SUFFER the most." AND I think it's true. FOR WOUNDS of grief. THAT ARE hidden away. AND THAT no one sees. ARE THE deeper wounds. AND THE lists that come. WITH EVERY line. A MESSAGE of grief. FOR SOME one's home-ARE MISSILES of war. MORE POTENT for grief. THAN THE screaming shell.

OF THE battlefield.

FOR THEY never fall. THESE SMALL black lines. AND THEY never miss. AND FOR every one. IN SOMEONE'S heart. A TARGET waits. AND THOUGH it may be. THAT IT never strikes. THERE STILL are the days. WHEN THE eyes must scan. AND THE heart stand still. TO THE very last line. AND THE waiting night. FOR ANOTHER day. AND ANOTHER list. AND THAT'S what war in TO THE wife at home. AND THE mother at home AND THE promised wife. AND NOW that it's done, AND THE war has passed. I'D, LIKE to see. ON THE highest place. WHERE IT might be built. A MONUMENT. AND CUT in stone. SO THAT it would five. WHILE TIME shall live. I'D WRITE the words. AND PUT them there. "THEY ALSO served. "WHO GAVE their men. "AND KNEW not. "THAT THEY would come back." JUST THAT. AND "WOMAN." NOTHING MORE.

# News of Memphis Twice Told Tales

DECEMBER 11, 1908.

I THANK you.

Miss Julia Crenshaw, of Greenwood,
Miss, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
P. L. Robinson, of High street.
Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Cynthia May Barry to
John T. Mahoney, the ceremony taking

place on Dec. 5.

Col. and Mrs. Ernest Winthrop last night celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with about 40 close friends.

Mrs. Amanda Turner and son, Earle, are en route to New Orleans from Brazil, where they have been spending the past year in the coffee business

After 10 days of destruction, the Arkansas river is falling and further damage to Pine Bluff is not expected.

Four new mail carriers will be placed in service Jan. 1 according to Postmaster Dutro, covering new territory north of the city. Dr. and Mrs. James A. Longinotti have returned from an extended trip through Europe, visiting Berlin, Paris, Monte Carlo and other places.

re en route to New Orleans from Strazii, where they have been spending the past year in the coffee busiless.

About \$5,000 has been raised by public subscription for the rebuilding of the burned Lyceum building.

About \$6,000 has been raised by public subscription for the rebuilding of the Panama canal yesterday killed to persons.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

NEGRO'S PART IN THE WAR.

To The News Scimitar:

The management is the world of command they have got a common country and world democracy.

The news Scimitar:

The management is the world of the war, and also the efficiency and war—both in their contributions in all financial drives put forth by this government for the successful prosecution of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the world of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the world of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and valor shown by the negret tropy and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war, and also the efficiency and the proper of the war and the world of the war, and the world of the war and the world of the war, and the world of the war and the world of the war, and the world of the world of the war, and the world of the war, and the world of t

rifices in their contributions to the Y. M. C. A. fund for the simple purpose of making the soldier boys "over there" comfortable.

On another occasion, in the city of Dijon, a negro soldier attempted to huy a package of cigarets and was told he could not have them, as they were for white soldiers, and that, too, when the Christian people had given their money to furnish those things for "the soldiers," she had not for white or black soldiers. These, Mr. Editor, are some of the discriminations that, though apparently small, fall upon our hearts as great lumps of lead.

The black soldiers proved themselves good warriors over there, and when covered with blood and the grime of battle they return from the front line trenches and apply at the American Y. M. C. A. for refreshments or a cigar and are refused on account of color, we feel that it is just a bit unfair. Were black men in charge of a lunch counter under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and a white soldier applied for refreshments, he would not only be given courteous treatment, but the begt service in the place.

The Y. M. C. A. is a great and powerful Christian organization, and it is to be regretted that any official should be influenced by any other than a Christian spirit in the administration of the affairs of that great organization. It is encouraging to know, however, that on both occasions where the negro soldiers were denied service at the Y. M. C. A. as stated above, there were present white American soldiers, both privates and officers, who protested against the acts discriminating against the negro solder.

All the black soldiers over there have acquitted themselves nohly, and many

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